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SUBJECT.

Affairs of the Sri Venkataramana-Swami Temple at Malekal Tirupati, Aravakurichi Taluk

PREVIOUS REFERENCES. LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT:— Affairs of the Sri Venkataramanaswamy temple at Malekal Tirupati Arsikere Taluk

LAST REFERENCE.

Letter No. 385 dated 6th Feb: 1903 from the Dy Commissioner Hassan District.

During the inspection of the Sri Venkataramanaswami temple at Malekal Tirupati, Arsikere Taluk, in Decr 1896, it was brought to the notice of the late Muzrai Secretary (R.Br. A. Seeniwasa Charlu) that a theft ~~was~~ had been committed in the temple about the year 1891 and that the value.

of the stolen articles had not been recovered till then; and a complaint petn from one Dasappa, Shanbhogue of Arakere was also presented in the matter. From personal enquiries made by that Officer, it was ascertained ~~that~~ ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಒಡವೆ and ಹಿಡಿ ಕಂಬಿಗಳು had been stolen ~~which~~ while they were in the ~~possession~~ charge of Archak Narayaniengar, who in his personal deposition made ~~by~~ before that Officer agreed ~~that~~ that the articles mentioned above were in his ~~possession~~ charge when they were stolen. It was

also brought to notice that the Archak had after the occurrence of the theft got his office transferred to the name of his son Kesava Bhatta. Thereupon, a Rubkari No. 168 of 15-4-1898 was issued to the Dy. Commr. wherein orders to the foll.g effect were conveyed:—

(1) the transfer of the Archakship held by Narayana Iyengar to his son Kesava Bhatta was ordered to be cancelled because of the presumably fraudulent character of the transfer which had taken place just after a theft in the temple during Narayaniengar's tenure of the Archakship—

(2) the value of the properties lost amounting to Rs 300 & odd was ordered to be recovered from Archak Narayaniengar & that until the recovery of the amount Narayaniengar should be placed under suspension, one Krishna Bhattar son of Narasimhachar being temporarily appointed to the vacancy.

Besides, one Lakshmamma a Baravarddar Archak of the temple represented in person and also petd. stating that she had appointed Narayaniengar as her Gumasta on the condition of his paying her something for her maintenance & that as he did not abide by the condition, he may be removed

(There are three Archaks in the temple — Viz, 1 Narasimhachar 2, Lakshmamma and 3, Kesava Bhatta son of Narayaniengar —)

removed from the Gumastachy and that one Janardanengar (ಜನಾರ್ದನೇಗೌಡರು) under whose protection she was, appointed as her Gumasta in head Narayanengar also deposed before the Mysore Secretary that the statement and complaint of Lakshmamma was true and that he had not paid her anything for 4 previous years for which he said he had also received a Lawyer's notice. It was also complained that this Narayanengar was misusing the Kanikes &c received from the devotees and he deposed that he was more than 52 years old & being

sick for upwards of 4 years was unable to climb up the hillock to do Puja —

There is another shrine dedicated to Sri Venkataramanaswami on a hillock near the temple at Arakere - The two shrines are one & the same for purpose of Puja &c

Thereupon in Rubkari No. 164 dated 1-4-987 orders to the following effect were conveyed:—

Narayaniengar who after transferring his own right to his son Kesava Bhatta, continued to do Puja in the temple as Gumasta of Venkata Lakshmamma, should be removed from the Gumastaship ~~& that instead~~ and one Janardhaniengar Grandson of Venkata Lakshamma should be permanently appointed in the room of the said Narayaniengar —

Subsequently, the Dy Commr. of Hassan submitted 35 15 11 ? 2 bills for Rs 37-11-11 & Rs 33-4-0 on account of the pay of the Archaks & the Paritara charges of

His DKL No 429 87 dt. Dec. 1898

of the temple. For the reference to the bill for Rs 33-4. on account of the pay of the Archaks, it was observed that the bill had been drawn in the names of (1) Archak Kesava Bhatta and (2) Kesava Bhatta doing Archak duty on behalf of Venkatalakshmamma. Thereupon it was stated in this office Dt. no 743 of 16-12-98 that though the bill was for arrears due to Narayanengar & his son Kesava Bhatta for the period prior to their removal from the Archakship under orders conveyed in the Rubkaries cited above, yet the disbursement of the amount could not

be sanctioned until Narayanaiengar paid down the money due from him on account of the value of the temple stolen properties

With reference to the other bill for Rs 37-11-11 (85 15 11 ?) being the undisbursed arrears of Padiara, it was payable to Archak Narasimhachar who had also deposed before the late Munsiff Secretary that the Padiara & his pay had not been disbursed to him, whereupon in the Rubkari no. 1616 of 14th April 1897 it was stated that the arrears should be paid to him and as no action had been taken towards the final adjustment of Narasimhaiyar's claims, it was remarked that it was "objectionable". The

The Dy Commr was requested to report upon the Foll^g

1) what steps had been taken towards giving effect to the orders of Gov^t conveyed in the Pubkaries above ref^d to, and who were ~~[illegible]~~ doing duty in the temple as Archaks.

2) what was the amount of pay and Padikara due to Archak Narasimhaphan.

In the Asst Dy's Eng memo dated 9th May 1897 he ~~states that the affairs~~ of the temple had fallen into confusion in consequence of party factions amongst the Dharmadarsis & Archaks Thereupon it was presumed by the late Mysore Secretary

who had personally acquainted himself with the affairs, that all the confusion he was due to Dharmadarsi Mallikaliyya whom he considered [redacted] desirable to remove from the Committee of Dharmadarsis. The Dy Commr was requested to suggest some one else for appt as Dharmadarsi in the place of Mallikaliyya.

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With reference to the foregoing, the Dy Commr in his letter No. 385 of 6th Feb. 1903 reports that the orders conveyed in the Rubkaries referred to above were given effect to. Present Archaks are Krishna Bhatter (1) in place of Narayaniengar suspended, Narasimhachar (2) and Jawardhaniengar (3) Gumaste of Venkatalakshmamma.

With regard to the fraudulent nature of the transfer of Archakship by Narayanieyar to his son Kesava Bhatta as observed in this Office Rubkari no 164, the Dy Commr. states that Kesava Bhatta's name stands in the ~~[illegible]~~ Barawand Register from the year 1889 though he did not actually join duty till the year 1893. The theft took place in 1891 and the Dy Commr. thinks that the transfer could not in any way have been fraudulent. He reports that Kesava Bhatta has now tendered the amount of the lost articles on behalf

of his father Narayanaiengar & that the same has been deposited in the Govt. Savings Bank to the credit of the temple. He further reports that Krishna Bhatta was temporarily appointed till the amount of the lost properties was recovered from Narayanaiengar and he therefore requests sanction to the appointment of Kesava Bhatta son of Archak Narayanaiengar to look after the duties of his father.

With regard to the two bills in question, the Dt Commr reports that Rs 35-15-11 only is due to Archak Narasimhachar for Padikara allowances - A bill for Rs 33-4-0 being the pay due

due to Kesava Bhatta for the period he performed Puja before Krishna Bhatta's temporary appointment is also submitted for sanction. The amount was in arrears because it was ordered to be withheld till the payment of the value of the stolen articles.

In regard to the last question, the D. Comm. reports that Dharmadara Malekallaya has since tendered his resignation & that the D. Comm. will recommend the name of another person soon —

The points now for orders are: —

1) Sanctioning the appointment of Kesava Bhatta

in the room of his father Narayanicugar as Archak of the temple as ~~the~~ he has paid up the amount of the lost articles -

2) Countersigning & transmitting to the Compter Grandit the two bills -

& 3) accepting the resignation of Dharmadarsi Malakallaiyya -

Kesava Bhattar's 7 petns stating that he has paid the amount of Rs 300 & he talk to his father that he to perf duties

Submitted to the Dewan

Rs 18/8/03

The recommendations of the D'Commr on all the above points being, if is subd, be approved.

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FROM
D Devaraj Urs Esqr
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District.

To L. Anantasamiah Esqr B.A.
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Revenue Department.

Dated 6
Despatched 10 } February 1903.
Received

General No. 385
No. Ecc

Enclosure No. 2 & IP file

Refers
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12/2/03

Office note giving the previous history & noting the several points proposed as submitted as directed —

18/8/03 RS

Submitting report called for in the matter of of Archakship to the Temple of Sree Venkata-ramana Swamy, Tempt. at Hemavathi Tempt. Arsikere Taluk ...

No. 385
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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Hassan District

Dated, Hassan, 6th February 03

From,

D. Devaraj Urs Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To

L. Anantaraman Rao Esq BA.
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Mujrai Department

Sir,

With reference to your Docket No: 743/19-95 Dated 16/17 December 1898 calling for a detailed report in the matter of Archaga ship to the Temple of Sree Venkataramana swami Temple at Amanagere Tirupati, Arsikere Taluk, I have the honor to state that the orders

orders contained in Circular Memos
No. C164 and C168 Dated the 1st
and 15th April 1897 respectively were
duly given effect to. Krishnabhatta
was accordingly therein temporarily
appointed in place of Anelick
Narayanappa on 3rd June 1897.
But with regard to the question
that the transfer of Archakship
by Narayanappa to his son
Kesava Bhatta was fraudulent,
I beg to state that Kesava Bhatta's
name stands on the Barawand
Register from the year 1889
though he did not actually
join duty till the year 1893. The
theft of temple jewels in question
took place in the year 1891 and

I think therefore that the tenders for could not have been in anything fraudulent. Narasa-Bhatta was however removed of his duty by Krishna Bhatta as per order sanctioned in the Pubhatari mentioned above.

Narayanappa was placed under suspension and he was not permitted to look after the Hakkari stockship of Lakshmana, Jayappa Jayappa son of the latter having been permanently appointed to other place. So that, the three stockists who are looking after the work were Krishna Bhatta in place of Narayana Jayappa deceased and Nanjunda Jayappa, the last

for looking after the Godowns of Venkata Lakshmamma —

2 — With regard to the other question, viz, the amount of pay and Padittarai allowances due to Archik Nerasimhamma, the Amildar reports that nothing is due to him as pay but a sum of Rs 35. 15. 11. only is due to him as Padittarai allowances. This has been duly incorporated by the Amildar and a bill for the amount is hereunto subjoined for Countersignature and kept transmission to the Comptroller for audit.

3 — There also submitted another bill for Rs 33—4— being the pay due to Narasa Bhatta for the period he officiated

pay, before Krishna Bhatta's temporary appointment? This amount was ordered to be withheld till the payment of the value of the lost property was made by Narayana Iyengar. Krishna Bhatta has now tendered the amount on behalf of his father Narayaniengar, and the same has been deposited in the Government Savings Bank to the credit of the Temple. The pay bill may, therefore, be countersigned and transmitted to the Comptroller for audit. Further, the appointment of Krishna Bhatta was only temporary and was intended to last till the recovery of the amount from Narayaniengar. I request you therefore to sanction the appointment of Krishna Bhatta son of Archik Narayaniengar

to

to look after the duties of his father.

4 — Dharmandanee Malé-Kallaiya has since tendered his resignation and I shall soon recommend the name of another man to this place.—

5 — Vernacular papers relating with the Atoll's report No: 32 Dated 27th November 1902, are submitted herewith for reference and kind return.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan Ibrahim

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FROM
D. Devaraj M.A. Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
L. Anantasamy Rowlu B.A.
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Muzarai Department

Dated 28 } June 1903.
Despatched
Received

General No 575
No.

Enclosure Sec 3 No One

In submitting herewith Arsikere Taluk Amildars report no. 95 Dated 23d. Ultimo, has the honor to invite his kind attention to his office letter no. 385 Dated 6th/10 February 1903, requesting to order the transfer of Arlikk Naramenji's Baraward to the name of his son Kesava Bhatt in the Malekal Tirupati in the Arsikere Taluk

and

and to request the favour of an
early reply to the above, as the
petitioner represents that it is
already six months since he h
paid up the amount of Rs 300
due by his father. —

N. Mu an dep
for Deputy Commissioner
Ste ... District

(Dbt as per Devans order)

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Read:—

Petition Regd. No. 12 dated 4th July 1903, from Keshava Bhatta, stating that as directed, he deposited Rs 300 being the value of the stolen articles belonging to the Sri Venkataramanaswamy temple at Malekal Tirupathi, in the Arsikere Taluk and praying that he may be restored to his office as Archak of the temple.

And—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 385 — dated 6th February 1903

from the Dy Commissioner Hassan District, reporting ~~on the abovo~~ in the matter.

Order thereon

No. 699-700
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During the inspection of the Sri Venkataramanaswamy temple at Malekal Tirupati in the Arsikere Taluk, in December 1896, it was brought to the notice of the late Mirasi Secretary, that a theft had been committed in the temple about the year 1891, and that certain articles which were in the charge of Archak Narayaniengar had been stolen. It was

also then brought to his notice that the Archak had after the occurrence of the theft got his office transferred to the name of his son Kesava Bhatta. Thereupon, the Mugyal Secretary directed (i) that the transfer of the Archakship held by Narayanaiengar to his son Kesava Bhatta, should be cancelled because of the presumably fraudulent character of the transfer which had taken place just after the theft in the temple during Narayanaiengar's tenure

of ~~Office~~ Archakship; and

(ii) that the value of the properties lost amounting to Rs 300, should be recovered from Archak Narayanaengar and ~~that~~ until the recovery of the amount, Narayanaengar should be placed under suspension, one Krishna Bhatta son of Narasimha Rao being temporarily appointed to the vacancy. ~~Besides~~ Further, Narayanaengar who after transferring his own right to his son Kesava Bhatta, was continuing to do Puja in the temple as Gumasta (substitute) of one Venkatalakshamma, another

Baravaddar

Baravarddar Archak was also directed to be removed from the Gumastaship, one Janardhanieengar grandson of Venkatalakshamma being permanently appointed in the room of the said Narayanieengar

2. Subsequently, on the 7th Decr. 1898, the Dy Commr. submitted for sanction two Bills - one for Rs 35-15-11 and another for Rs 33-4-0 on account of the pay of the Archaks and the Paditara charges of the temple. With reference to this, it was observed that though the bill for Rs 33-4-0 was

for arrears due to Narayanaiengar and his son Kesava Bhatta for the period prior to their removal from the Archakship, yet the disbursement of the amount could not be sanctioned until Narayanaiengar paid down the money due from him on account of the value of the stolen properties of the temple. With reference to the other bill for Rs 35-15-11 it was observed that it was for the undisbursed arrears of Paditara payable to Archak Narasimhachar; and the two bills were returned unsanctioned.

3. With reference to

to the ~~foregoing~~ above, the Dy Comm^r reports, with regard to the fraudulent nature of the transfer of Archakship by Narayanaiengar to his ~~s~~ son Kesava Bhatta as observed in para 1 supra ~~that~~ Kesava Bhatta's name stands in the Varavard Register from the year 1889 though he did not actually join duty till the year 1893. The theft having taken place in 1891, the Dy Comm^r ~~thinks that the~~ transfer could not in any way have been fraudulent

He further reports that Kesava Bhatta has now tendered the amount of the lost articles on behalf of his father Narayaniengar & that the same has been deposited in the Govt. Savings Bank to the credit of the temple, and recommends the appointment of Kesava Bhatta son of Archak Narayaniengar to look after the duties of his father in the room of Krishna Bhatta who was temporarily appointed till the amount of the lost properties was recovered.

The Govt. are pleased to sanction the Dy Commrs recommendation

-x- i) Rs 35-15-11 due to Archak Narasimhaphan for Padikara allowance.
ii) Rs 33-4-0 being the pay due to Kesava Bhatta for the period he performed Puja before Krishna Bhatta's temporary appointment.

Two Bills aggregating Rs 69-3-11 are also sanctioned and forwarded to the Comptr. Pandit and return to the Dy Commr. for payment. The charge being met from the savings at the credit of the Institution —

The resignation tendered by Dharmadarsi Malekallaiyya may as recommended by the Dy Commr., be accepted

Dewan's order

9/9/03
Dy Secretary
Mysore Depte

9/9/03
To The Dy Commr., Kassaud
refr enclosures
Comptr. &c. with the
sanctioned bills

Endr. to Kesava Bhatta
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Dy Secy

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శ్రీనివాసార్థమంత్ర పాలన

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అరకోటి రాయల్లు యిరువ. పాలిలో కోట

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యింతాత్రి.

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నదరికంకిమ రాజులు స్థాలు దేవనిధి

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దశిరశిలుదిశిళయువదే—

By order

Dy. Secretary to Govt.
Works Department

10/9/03

No. 1623 Emp/
1624. Govt 5.12.03

MYSORE ~~DEWAN'S OFFICE~~,

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

No.

The accompanying Petition No. 832 dated 28th November 1903 received at the ~~Dewan's Office~~ Muzrai Secretariat from Krishna Bhatta, Archak of the Malekal Tirupati temple, Arakere Taluk, praying that he may be appointed archak in place of either Archak Kesava Bhatta, who had been connected with a case of theft in the temple or Janardana Bhatta who had ~~tendered his resignation~~ but reinstated once is forwarded, ~~together with its enclosures,~~ to the Deputy Commissioner, ~~Tumkur~~ Hassan District for disposal in continuation of Govt. No. No. 699-700 dated 11th September 1903.

By Order,

3/12/03

~~Muzra~~ Secretary
Muzrai Deptt

BANGALORE,
3rd December 1903.

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MYSORE DEWAN'S
MUZRAI DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

No.

The accompanying Petition No. 150
dated 20th Jan 1904 received at the
Dewan's Office from Krishna Pshatha
of Malekal Tirupati ~~with the~~
~~Taluk~~, re the archakship of
the Sri Venkataramana Swami
temple at Malekal Tirupati
Arsikere Taluk

is forwarded, ~~together with its~~
~~enclosures,~~ to the Dy: Comr, Hassan
District, in Contn of this
Office memo No 1625 Dy
5th December 1903

By Order,

Deputy Secretary
Muzrai Dept.

BANGALORE,
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